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"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT."

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SPLENDID EXHIBITION.

"Tony the Convict" Finely Interpreted by Amateurs.

A Brilliant Audience Witnesses the Performance.

Lewisport has justly been called "the biggest little city" on earth and it certainly deserves that title.

When it goes in for a thing, whether



WILLIAM H. MILLER.

It is a street fair, a teacher's association or an amateur theatrical entertainment it goes in to win.

The people down there have no such word as failure in their lexicon.

Last Thursday night, which was Thanksgiving night, by the way, the people of that pretty little city were treated to an entertainment that would be creditable to the Meffert Stock Company, the theatrical organization that Louisville fairly raves over.

The show was given in Odd Fellows' hall, which has a fine, large stage and a splendid seating arrangement. The hall would be a credit to any large city and its entire seating capacity was tested to the utmost. A conservative estimate of the number of people present is 500 and it is certain that a handsome, better dressed or more intelligent audience could not be gathered in the state of Kentucky.

The beautiful toilettes of the ladies and the well-groomed appearance of the men present, together with the atmosphere of refinement and culture made up an environment that was elevating in its influence.

Your average Lewisport gathering is peculiar to itself. The people are all



ROY B. PRENTISS.

like one family. They are proud of their town, proud of its people and they pull together in all things. That is why they are so successful and the gathering Thanksgiving night exemplified this to the fullest extent.

The drama to be rendered was "Tony the Convict." It was realistic to a degree. It recited the story of a man's life who had generously sacrificed himself to an erring brother should not suffer. He was innocent of any guilt yet he allowed the charge of forgery to rest upon him and was convicted. His wife, suffering under the stigma of her husband's disgrace, left her home, taking her infant child with her. They rested one night in a lonely cottage and the burden of grief brought the suffering mother to death's door. While she was lying on the bed waiting the dissolution, a physician announced that a carriage,

BABY'S SMOOTH, FAIR SKIN

A Grateful Mother Writes this Letter—

Tells all about Her Troubles when Baby Broke out with Scrofula Sores.

"At the age of two months, my baby began to have sores break out on his right cheek. We used all the external applications that we could think of or hear of, to no avail. The sores spread all over one side of his face. We consulted a physician and tried his medicine, and in a week the sores were gone. But to my surprise in two weeks more another scrofulous looking sore appeared on baby's arm. It grew worse and worse, and when he was three months old, I began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. I also took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before the first bottle was finished, the sores were well and have never returned. He is now four years old, but he has never had any sign of those scrofulous sores since he was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I feel very grateful. My boy owes his good health and smooth, fair skin to this great medicine." Mrs. S. B. WATSON, Farmington, Delaware.

Get only Hood's.

used as a conveyance by Judge Van Cruger and his family, had turned over. The infant child of the Judge was killed by the accident and his wife was rendered unconscious. The physician declared that the woman would be rendered insane when she regained consciousness were she to find her child dead. With the consent of the dying mother, her child, the daughter of "Tony, the Convict," was substituted for the infant daughter of Judge Van Cruger.

The adopted daughter was named Lena. She grew to graceful womanhood, unconscious of her history. When she was about eighteen years of age she fell in love with Phillip Warburton, a society man of the finest type. He reciprocated her affection. James Barclay, a hard-hearted, cynical young man also loved her and he used the secret knowledge of the fact that her father was a convict to gain power over her and almost compelled her to marry him. But in the end truth prevailed, "Tony, the convict," established his innocence, gained wealth, and appeared upon the scene in time to frustrate James Barclay's vindictive schemes and land the latter in the penitentiary.

The following is the cast of characters: Tony Warren, a many-sided character, who has an honest heart beneath his ragged coat. . . . Wm. B. Miller, Weary Wayside, his henchman, "too tired to work." . . . W. B. Blincoe, James Barclay, hard-hearted and vindictive, . . . Roy B. Prentiss, Phil Warburton, a social leader. . . . Sam T. McGill, Judge Van Cruger, of the Supreme Court. . . . Tom B. Pell, Warden Burrows, of Sing Sing prison. . . . Gregory Blandford Jackson, the negro footman. . . . Kirch P. McGill, Lena, the reputed daughter of Judge Van Cruger. . . . Pearl Blandford, Mrs. Van Cruger, the Judge's wife. . . . Grace Hicks, Miss Sedley, who takes pleasure in being disagreeable. . . . Madge Blandford, Sally, with a soul above hash. . . . Eunice Blandford



TOM H. PELL.

The characters of the drama were interpreted in a splendid manner. Each actor seemed in sympathy with his part and there was an artistic rendition of the whole.

William B. Miller, as "Tony, The Convict," was a success. His fine physique and his earnest, sincere personality fitted him for this difficult part. He enlisted the sympathies of the audience from the start. It took great tact to interpret this peculiar character, who at one moment seemed weak and trifling and the next was intensely dramatic, but Mr. Miller handled it in an artistic manner.

"Weary Wayside," the happy-go-lucky tramp actor was beautifully rendered by W. B. Blincoe. His genuine good nature, and his love for pie gave him a warm place in the hearts of the audience and they are indebted to him for many a hearty laugh.

Robert B. Prentiss, as "James Barclay," the villain, made himself cordially hated. He was as cruel and as cold as he could be. Not in that rampant style, but in the quiet, vindictive cynical manner that cuts to the quick. The greatest compliment that can be paid Mr. Prentiss is that



PEARL BLANDFORD.

the audience would have been glad to mob him. He was a most successful villain.

"Phil Warburton," played by Sam T. McGill, was artistic. Mr. McGill was every inch the polished, suave, high-toned, high principled gentleman that his part called for.

"Judge Van Cruger," by Tom B. Pell, was a revelation. It was hard for the audience to realize that Mr. Pell had not spent a life time on the stage. He was as natural as life in the part. His Judge Van Cruger could not be improved upon; you had the ideal supreme judge before your eyes in every word and act of Mr. Pell. His story of Lena's life, told quietly, but with intense earnestness, held the audience breathless and was a triumph of dramatic art. He covered himself with glory.

"Jackson, the Negro Footman," by Kirch McGill, was the ray of sunshine that lit up the play. Mr. McGill had to improvise his part but he did it so artistically that no one was aware of the fact.

His blunders, his jokes and witticisms were all so timely that they fitted to a T. He is a natural humorist and comedian. "Lena," by Miss Pearl Blandford, was perfect. She was an ideal heroine, and had a fine conception of the artistic possibilities of her part. She was sweet, sympathetic, and very dramatic. She won the hearts of the audience from the start.

"Mrs. Van Cruger," by Miss Grace Hicks, was a very pretty rendition. She was the refined, cultured, devoted mother that one would look for. The element of sadness that had entered her life, as an invalid, was apparent, and Miss Hicks is to be warmly congratulated upon her success.

"Miss Sedley," by Madge Blandford, could not be improved upon. The wonder of it was how so agreeable and pretty a young lady could make herself up and act so as to make herself the disagreeable old maid that was demanded by the part. Her rendition of the character was rich, and it made every one truly happy when "Miss Sedley" was reported among the dead.

"Sally," by Eunice Blandford, "was a peach." Miss Eunice Blandford is an ideal scoubrette. Her spirits just bubble over with gaiety, and her laugh was contagious. She is natural and unaffected, and her free, unconventional personality made her a star of the first magnitude. She has a beautiful voice, and the dust rendered by her and Mr. Blincoe was encored over and over again.

Gregory Blandford, as "Warden Burrows," of Sing Sing prison, was good, and would have shown splendid talent in a more important part.

The concert that formed part of the program was highly enjoyed, and by its artistic work the Lewisport band has established itself as a first-class musical organization, and one that would be creditable to Owensboro.

PROGRAM.

AND. Aeolian Hall march, May Blossoms galop, Palatinas march and Lakota waltzes.

ORCHESTRA.

Overture—ever Ready, Postman's March, Garden City Waltz, Flash galop, Dixie, Oxford, Waltz Memories of Home, Arcadian Schottische, Rosella March, Summer Night Serenade and Cloverdale Schottische.

The evening was a most enjoyable one. Quite a number of people were present from Hawesville, Cloverport and other points.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the indispensable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure Piles. You may rely upon it.—Short & Haynes.

IN SPITE OF COLD

The Merchants Enjoyed a Fine Trade Saturday.

The cold, windy weather of Saturday prevented a large crowd from coming to town, and it also interfered with the proposed balloon ascension to the extent that the latter event was postponed.

The aeronaut said that going up in a hot-air balloon and leaping 1,000 feet through the clouds with the assistance of a parachute, under the best of conditions was dangerous, but with such a wind as was blowing Saturday it was a hundred times more so, and meant certain death to him should he attempt it.

The people who braved the weather and came to the city were quite active in their trading. The leading houses of the city report the best business last week they have had in years.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is unquestionably the most remarkable remedy ever produced for the cure of throat and lung troubles. It has cured thousands, and has done wonders in many cases of incipient consumption.

Were Entertained.

The hospitable home of Mrs. Etta Evans was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Monday night, at that charming hostess entertained in honor of the Misses Evelyn and Minnie Murray. Those present were: Miss Evelyn Murray, of Bowling Green; Miss Minnie Murray, of Salt Lake City; Miss Allene Murray, Miss Bessie Hambleton, Mrs. D. R. Murray, Messrs. Chas. Moorman, Eugene Vest, Fred Fraize, James Fisher and Master David Murray. The guests were delightfully entertained and had a royal time.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingering colds are dangerous. Hacking cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to taste.—Short & Haynes.

Gift all the Same.

The little nine pound boy that gladdens the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Barnes came just a day too late to be a Thanksgiving gift so far as the date is concerned, having been born Nov. 25th. But he is such a handsome and lusty youth that he is justly regarded as a Thanksgiving gift. Congratulations.

Lung Irritation

is the forerunner to consumption. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will cure it and give strength to the lungs that a cough or cold will not settle there. Twenty-five cents at all good druggists.

Usual Liabilities.

V. G. Babbage returned yesterday from Owensboro where he filed a petition in bankruptcy for S. K. Vesells, of Moolsville, this county. Petitioners liabilities are about \$2,000. No assets except the usual exemptions.

SCHOOL TEACHERS

Are Royally Entertained by Irvington People.

A Most Profitable Joint-County Institute Held.

The teachers of Breckenridge and Meade counties in joint association met at Irvington, Nov. 26, 1898. Notwithstanding the cold and disagreeable day, a large crowd of teachers, patrons and friends of education gathered early at the school building which shows the interest manifested in the cause of education.

The house was called to order by Supt. Driskell. Supt. Ashcraft was elected president, and F. E. Hardesty, secretary.

The Association was opened with prayer by Rev. Crocker. The welcome address was given by Mr. E. C. Crabbe and a warmer welcome could not have been given by one less interested in education. In his long and well prepared address he shows his interest in the better education and especially in our public schools of which he is a warm friend.

Supt. Ashcraft responded to the address with a short and appropriate speech. Miss Mary Lewis held the audience in silence while giving a beautiful and well rendered vocal solo.

An interesting paper was read by J. C. Tucker on "The Relation of the Pupil to Citizenship."

"How to supplement reading," was ably discussed by W. A. Stith.

A long well prepared and interesting paper was read by Mr. Ed Goodnight on "Thoughts by the way."

Eugene Guillard in his own genial manner discussed the subject of "Mental Arithmetic."

E. R. Burch read a review on one seventh of Quick's Education Reformers in which he gave credit to the author and to himself. He showed by his preparation of the paper that he is not only interested in our present system of teaching but also in the ways of ages ago.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, consisting of Miss Eula Davis, Eugene Guillard and Supt. Driskell.

On motion the Association adjourned for dinner. The crowd was ushered into an adjoining room, where a most bountiful dinner was served, which renders credit to the people of Irvington and vicinity.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association was ready for another session. Mr. E. C. Crabbe gave a short discussion of the paper, read by E. R. Burch, on Quick's Educational Reformers.

Miss Ruth Willett read an essay on "Self-Reliance," in which she showed that what we gain is by our own efforts. Miss Maud Brinsley interested the crowd by reciting "The Inventor's Wife."

Miss Hilda Mattingly in her usual gentle manner gave an interesting review on "Foot Paths."

Miss Myrtle Norman recited a beautiful piece describing some colonial customs. A paper was read by Mr. S. E. Hancock on "The Progress of Our School Systems," showing the way that education started in Kentucky in the first settlements, and the advancement to the present.

Miss Partridge, the elocution teacher of Irvington school, recited a well prepared selection, and plainly showed the results of training.

"Professional and Personal Influence" was ably discussed by Mr. J. H. B. Logan.

After five minutes recess the teachers were counted, which showed that Breckenridge had twenty-three present and Meade twenty-four, a total of forty-seven teachers.

The biography of W. E. Gladstone was ably and creditably given by A. V. Williams, after which A. C. Burton followed and briefly reviewed the life of Gladstone, in which he said he claimed the honor of being the author of the tribute to Gladstone, a statesman, a gentleman, a scholar, and a Christian.

The Alaskan question was taken up under current events by Mr. Burton, who briefly spoke of the past, and the future possibilities of the future of that land.

The Armenian question was omitted on account of time. The recitation by Miss Fannie Hamblin was well rendered and well received.

"Home Influence on the School," was briefly and ably discussed by Milton Cokes.

A literary review was well given by L. S. Roberts, on the great author, Holmes.

An instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Partridge, all of whose music was highly appreciated by the audience.

E. C. Crabbe gave a short talk on the improvement in educational matters. Owing to the limited time, and the departure of the crowd he did not give his speech as per program, but said he would save it for another time.

Owing to the approach of darkness the remainder of the program, consisting of five numbers, was omitted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and the resolutions were adopted with amendment offered by E. C. Crabbe.

The Meade county teachers held a

separate meeting to appoint a place for their next Association. Garrett was decided on as the next place of meeting, to be held the third Saturday in December.

The chair appointed A. V. Williams, D. W. Burch, and F. E. Hardesty a committee to arrange a program for the next meeting.

On motion the association adjourned, with the hope of meeting together again in the near future.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all other combined.—Short & Haynes.

COMPETENT EVIDENCE.

What W. Jeff Lee says About Superintendent Hancock.

The teachers in this county who desire a course in teaching will be interested in the following testimonial concerning Prof. S. E. Hancock, of the Cloverport school. It is a splendid testimony as to his ability to conduct teacher's courses and all who desire to fit themselves the better for their profession should avail themselves of his experience.

"To whom it may concern:—This is to certify that Prof. S. E. Hancock has been Principal of the Shepherdsville Academy for the past nine years, during which time I have been personally acquainted with him. He has also been officially associated with me during the past three years as members of the County Board of Examiners, and have not hesitation in recommending him as a gentleman of high moral character, a true Christian, an able educator, and a fine disciplinarian. About one-third of the schools of the county are taught by his pupils, all of whom are doing a high grade work. I therefore most cordially and cheerfully recommend him to the people of any community who are in need of an earnest, able, and conscientious teacher."

Very Respectfully, W. JEFF LEE, Supt. Bullitt County Schools.

Weak Eyes Are Made Strong dim vision made clear, eyes removed and granulated lids or sore eyes of any kind speedily and effectually cured by the use of Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve. It puts up in tubes, and sold on a guarantee by all good druggists.

VICIOUS FIRE.

The House Burned as it It Were Powder.

The most sensational fire we have heard of comes from near Chambers, says the Hawesville Clarion. On Monday, during the high wind a house belonging to Hon. J. L. Brown, and occupied by his brother Joseph, was set on fire from a fuse on the south side. Joseph Brown and family had just returned from a protracted meeting being held in the neighborhood, and were accompanied by Misses Meckle and Gardner. It was some time after they had arrived home, and in broad day light when the fire broke out. The flames spread as if in a powder bed and all inmates came near not escaping. Everything the family had was burned except two feather beds, and the visitors didn't have time to as much as get their wraps out.

If you have sore throat, soreness across the back or side, or your lungs feel sore or tender, or you are threatened with diphtheria or pneumonia, apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT externally, and use BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP.—A. R. Fisher.

OLD BOREAS.

Swoops Down Upon Unfortunates Without Overcauts.

This section of the country had its first touch of real winter last Saturday. On that day the clouds began to lower and a fine, dry snow began to fall. The cold was quite severe and it stimulated the demand for overcoats as well as "tom-and-jerry." Those who had fat hogs took advantage of the cold snap to kill them, and the dying squeal of the porker was heard throughout the land. These cool mornings the country and city people are enjoying fresh sausage, spare ribs and pork chops, the season's most appreciated delicacies.

Improving the Streets. The street committee of the city council has been doing fine work the past week having various streets in the city repaired and otherwise improved. Second street has been gravelled and it is now one of the best streets within the corporation. Bad holes on the streets and sidewalks have been filled up and things are once more in good condition.

No-To-Bac For Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

Elections of Officers. The local lodge, Knights of Pythias, will hold its regular election of officers Monday night. There will be work in the first degree and on account of the importance of the meeting all are requested to be on hands early.

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A SLAVE'S ROMANCE.

He Played the Role of Enoch Arden For Many Years.

Returns to Kentucky to Find His First Wife a Widow.

Very few negroes in Kentucky to-day have lived as eventful a life as Steven Bowmer who now lives at Harned in this county.

He was born in Breckenridge and became the property of W. H. Bowmer, of this city, who sold him to Burris Hensler. When Steven Bowmer was about 20 years of age he was married to a slave woman on a neighboring farm and shortly after the union was taken to Louisville by Hensler who sold him to a Louisiana sugar planter for \$1,000.

Bowmer was taken south and while in that country lost sight of his Kentucky wife. He married twice in thirty years, and after the death of his last wife in Louisiana he longed to return to "ole Kaintuck."

He left Louisiana and settled at Harned, this county, last August. A few weeks ago he found that his first wife was still living and last Sunday they were united in marriage.

The story told by Bowmer in detail is exceedingly interesting. He was of fine physique and the last time he appeared on the auction block he brought \$1,500 which was then considered a good price. Out of the twenty-four slaves that were sold with him, one, an expert carpenter, brought \$2,500.

He was shipped to Louisiana where he went to work in the cane fields of the Briscoe plantation on which 270 able-bodied slaves were employed.

Shortly after becoming one of the chattels of the Briscoe plantation the overseer came to him with an ugly looking wrench and told Bowmer that the woman had been selected as his wife. Bowmer was rather aesthetic in his tastes and told the overseer that he would rather die than live with the woman. The overseer laughed good naturedly and let the matter drop then and there. Shortly after Bowmer was taken from the fields and made coachman for his master.

Two years later he married a slave woman who had been sold from her husband in Virginia. He lived with her forty years.

Six years after he had been sold into slavery the war broke out and Bowmer joined the union army and fought in the ranks for three years. When peace was declared he went to farming and lived uneventfully until his wife died. A few months afterward he married another woman, with whom he lived two years when she died.

After the death of his last wife Bow-

mer longed to return to Kentucky and he sold his two town lots in Vicksburg, Miss., and settled up his affairs. He came to Cloverport to hunt up his people and while here met his old master, W. H. Bowmer, who gave him some money and his supper.

Bowmer then went to Harned where he bought him a modest home. A few days since he accidentally heard that his first wife whom he had been sold away from nearly fifty years ago, was still living.

Her name is Anne Keys. Like her husband she had been married twice since their separation and both husbands had died. She has several grown children. Last Sunday the couple held a reunion and were again married.

Steven Bowmer was asked how he felt since the wheel of fortune had turned so pleasantly for him.

"Jes' as if I had 'ligion, boss! De sun-shine in my soul, I want to shout and sing hallelujah all day long," is his homely answer.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

ON THEIR EAR.

And The Fowler Republicans May Get After Nick.

It is hinted by men in close touch with Fowler, the late Republican candidate for congress in the second district, that the latter will institute legal proceedings against N. S. Greathouse, clerk of Hancock county. It is said that they will try to reach him by criminal prosecution. Nick need have little to fear, however, as the gang who is after him would have a hard time establishing Fowler's status as the regular nominee.

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DIDN'T HALF TRY.

Kentucky Went Democratic By a Big Majority.

Kentucky went Democratic on the Congressional vote by 21,000 votes. The majorities by districts were as follows: Wheeler 5656, Allen 1019, Rhea 2475, Smith 3788, Berry 4577, Settle 5212, Gilbert 182, Williams 180, Fitzpatrick, 875. The aggregate in ten districts of 27,594 is offset by Boreing's Republican majority of 6,142 in the Eleventh. And the Democrats didn't half try.

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